

**Book links Iran to New York bombing**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iran was responsible for the bombing of the World Trade Center in New York in February, according to a new book by the director of a congressional task force on terrorism. The January shooting outside the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) headquarters near Washington that left two people dead were the first salvo in a holy war on the United States, wrote Yosef Bodansky, head of staff of the House Republican Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare. Mr. Bodansky wrote the CIA attack was carried out by Mir Aimal Khan, who had been trained by Tehran and sent to the United States to launch a holy war. Authorities have identified Khan as a suspect in the CIA bombing and is believed to have fled to Pakistan, according to officials. Tehran was also behind the bombing of the New York World Trade Center in February in which six people were killed and 1,000 injured, Mr. Bodansky said. A spokesman for the Federal Bureau of Investigation told the Washington Post that so far investigations into the CIA killing had turned up no evidence to support Mr. Bodansky's theory. "That's not to say something may not develop down the road, but as of today, we have no evidence that there was any state-sponsored terrorism at work in this particular situation," said Frank Scalfi.

Volume 17 Number 5309

AMMAN MONDAY, MAY 17, 1993 THU EL QU'DEH 25, 1413

**Demirel elected Turkish president**

ANKARA (Agencies) — Turkey's parliament elected veteran Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel president Sunday, four weeks after the sudden death of his predecessor Turgut Ozal. Mr. Ozal's shadow hung over the election process because of controversy over whether Mr. Demirel — who heaped blame on the late president for meddling in politics and for wielding his power unfairly — would end up acting in a similar way. Mr. Demirel won 244 votes in the 450-member house, securing the absolute majority needed in the first two rounds last week. "Parliament has done its duty... which is a victory for democracy," Mr. Demirel, 68, said after the televised vote. His main challenger, Kahraman Inan of the Motherland Party, which Mr. Ozal founded, received 94 votes. The weaker candidates, Lutfi Dogan of the Islamic-Fundamentalist Property Party, and Ismail Cem of the Social-Democratic People's Republic Party took 47 and 27 votes respectively. Nineteen ballots were spoiled. Mr. Demirel was supported by his own party, which holds 182 seats, the Populist-Social-Democratic Party (54 seats) and the Ultra-nationalist Nationalist Action Party (13 seats). Mr. Demirel was sworn in as president later Sunday.

Price: Jordan 100 fils; Saudi Arabia 1.50 riyals; UAE 1.50 dirhams

# Jordan Times

An independent Arab political daily published by the Jordan Times Foundation



Israeli soldiers run past burning tyres in the Gaza City neighbourhood of Zeitoun (AFP photo)

## 4 Palestinians, 2 Israelis killed in Gaza violence

GAZA CITY, occupied Gaza Strip (Agencies) — Israeli troops shot dead two Palestinian children, including a baby, during protests Sunday on the Gaza Strip, where two Israeli merchants and two Palestinians were also killed.

The merchants died in the bloodiest anti-Israeli attack since the occupied territories were sealed in March, and the violence came three days after the conclusion of the latest round of Arab-Israeli peace talks in Washington.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) mainstream Fatah and the rival Muslim fundamentalist Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) claimed responsibility for the attack in an unprecedented joint statement.

The shooting came 12 hours after four Israeli soldiers were injured by a hand grenade thrown at a military outpost in Gaza's Shati refugee camp, the army said.

Three of the soldiers were injured slightly and one received moderate injuries, said an army spokeswoman.

Earlier Saturday, Israeli troops shot and injured 31 Gazans during stone-throwing protests.

The Israeli deaths bring to 159 the number of Israelis killed since the uprising began in December 1987, including three since the occupied territories were closed at the end of March.

An 18-month-old Palestinian, Fares Mohammad Al Kundi, was fatally wounded Sunday as troops fired at demonstrators in Jabalia refugee camp, Palestinian sources said.

The boy was playing on the steps of his home 200 metres away.

Arab reports said the toddler was standing by the entrance to his father's shop at about noon when he was shot in the chest.

Ten other youths were also wounded by gunfire, they said. They said the clash ensued after soldiers chased two masked activists painting uprising slogans on a wall. The activists fled and other youths stoned the soldiers, the reports said.

In Shati another camp, a 12-year-old Palestinian was shot dead during a similar protest.

Palestinian sources said Mohammad Al Ghoni was shot in the chest and an eight-year-old seriously wounded by a bullet in the head.

The latest deaths raised to 1,081 the number of Palestinians killed by Israeli gunfire since the start of the uprising, according to an AFP count.

Tension has gripped Gaza since Saturday, when four Israeli soldiers were hurt in a grenade attack and 62 Palestinians shot and wounded during violent demonstrations to protest the 45th anniversary of the creation of Washington.

The Israeli government extended the indefinite closure of Gaza and the West Bank after hearing a security update from chief-of-staff General Ehud Barak.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who has said the closure led to a dramatic decrease in knife attacks inside Israel, urged Israeli merchants Sunday to stay out of the occupied territories, Israeli Radio reported.

## Palestinians will continue peace talks, Arafat says

TUNIS (Agencies) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat has vowed that the Palestinians will press on with the Middle East talks despite the "failure" of the latest round of negotiations in Washington.

"These negotiations are a political battle we are waging with determination and confidence by the Algerians and Vietnamese committed themselves to negotiations during their (national) struggle," Mr. Arafat said here late Saturday.

He was speaking at the opening here of the central council of Palestinian Popular Struggle Front (PPSF), headed by Samir Ghoshe.

The remarks carried by the PLO news agency, WAFA, came after the ninth round of talks ended Thursday without an agreement. Palestinian groups opposed to the talks again called for the PLO to abandon support for the negotiations.

Mr. Arafat vowed the Palestinian negotiators would not sell out the cause for statehood. He urged "all Palestinians to fight hand in hand until the Palestinian flag is raised over Jerusalem, the

capital of Palestine."

Mr. Ghoshe approved Palestinian participation in the peace talks, WAFA said.

A rival wing of the PPSF based in Damascus last week called for the withdrawal of the Palestinians from the peace talks.

The deputy chief of the Palestinian negotiating team with Israel, Saeb Erekat, said in Amman that the Palestinian Central Committee will meet soon to examine the results of the ninth round.

Speaking to reporters before heading to the Israeli-occupied territories, Dr. Erekat said the committee will "take the appropriate decision on the future of the peace process."

He said the "divide remains wide" between the Palestinian and Israeli positions, especially over a five-year interim period of self-rule in the territories.

Current Israeli proposals "exclude Jerusalem, the (Jewish) settlements and the security issue" during the self-rule period, he said.

But they include new elements, such as the "link" between the interim and final phases of the peace talks, plans for elections under international supervision.

and legislative powers to be granted to the Palestinian self-ruling council.

Dr. Erekat accused Israel and the United States of breaking several promises made before the ninth round of peace talks last month.

The U.S. has fulfilled son

its promises" made prior to resumption of the talks.

On the Jordanian-Is

tracks, working groups have

met to discuss the

issues," he noted.

But, he said, the King's

could not move forward with

movement on Palestinian-Is

track.

"The main Arab parties to

peace talks will be meeting

Amman soon to evaluate

outcome of the ninth round

talks and adopt a unified pos

towards the tenth round, in

participation strategy," he said.

The ninth round of

talks was delayed because

Israel's provocative actions in

occupied territories

prompted the Arabs to

the Palestinian point of view

Arab coordination talks

noted.

## Despite its shortcomings, Jordan's new press law more progressive than Arab equivalents

By P.V. Vivekanand

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The new Press and Publications Law goes into effect in Jordan today, having passed through its constitutional stages: Approval by the two houses of Parliament (after a long and heated debate), endorsement by Royal Decree and its publication in the Official Gazette, a month after the Royal Decree approving it.

The Law, which replaces a 1973 legislation, is described by officials as an unprecedented landmark in an Arab World long used to repressive curbs on the press. But critics argue that the law is not entirely compatible with the democratic process underway in Jordan.

The Law, which replaces a 1973 legislation, is described by officials as an unprecedented landmark in an Arab World long used to repressive curbs on the press. But critics argue that the law is not entirely compatible with the democratic process underway in Jordan.

These people (the detainees) are a source of pride for Jordan because they responded to calls for help from their brethren. It is painful to see them arrested and denied the chance to meet with their families," Mr. Khrisat said, adding that his parliamentary bloc learned of their arrest from their relatives.

"We have had a long debate on the law, in the press, in Parliament and elsewhere," said Information Minister Mahmoud Sharif. "It is not an absolutely perfect piece of legislation and there may still be arguments (over its contents), but that does not change the reality that the law goes into effect Monday."

"I am very well aware of the dark and bright spots in our media," said Mr. Sharif, who himself worked as a journalist for many years.

"I believe that the new law is very progressive when compared with its equivalents elsewhere in the Arab World," he said. "It is a great step forward in democracy. In due course of time, as our democracy develops further and takes deeper roots, we could seek to plug some of the loopholes in it."

In the meantime, he said, "I hope Jordanian journalists, particularly the newcomers who have come in (to fill the requirements) of new political party newspapers, will live up to their responsibilities and respect the ethics of the profession."

Almost two years of work has gone into the legislation, which, according to those who helped draft it, contains elements from current constitutions in both western and Eastern countries.

Senior officials agree that the law is not perfect, but argue that it is best suited for Jordan, given the distinct socio-political environment in the country.

"These journalists say that the ambiguity of definitions leaves the field open for the authorities to have their own interpretation and adopt action against journalists where disagreement exists."

Mr. Sharif counters such arguments by pointing out that it will not be the government but the judicial authorities who will have the final say in determining whether any journalist violated the law.

"The law actually protects

journalists from government action" and offers them the due process of the judicial system, the minister said, referring to the provision that the executive authority has to go to court with complaints against the press before taking action against them.

"I believe that the journalists need to protect themselves from within their ranks, particularly against those elements who may tend to abuse the freedom of press," he said.

Critics also argue that there are no provisions in the law which obligate the government to allow journalists to have access to documents which have direct relevance to public life, and the absence by itself is an infringement upon the freedom of information.

Another point raised by Jordanian journalists relates to a clause stipulating that j

nalists in the Kingdom would

be allowed to practice the

profession only if they

members of the Jordan

Association (JPA). This gives

the association the upper hand

in determining who could be

in the field and who could not.

JPA President Suleiman

Qudah and the association

although it is empowered to

so, does not plan to take the

clause too seriously. "We do

want to deprive anyone of the

livelihood," he said. "However, we would like all journalists in Jordan to become JPA members in due course."

Perhaps the most controver

sial clause in the law is the

which forces journalists to

veal their source of information if called upon to do so in a court of law.

Many journalists believe

that officials will no longer

willing to part with information

on government affairs lest it

might lead to their being im

cited in cases heard before a

court.

While the government is

offering any specific respon

to such criticism, it is seen

relying on the very fact that

leeway that the Jordanian

press will have under the

itself, a great leap forward.

Another point raised by

Jordanian journalists relates to

a clause stipulating that j

urnalists from government

action" and offers them the

due process of the judicial

system, the minister said, referring to the provision that the

executive authority has to go to

court with complaints against

the press before taking action

against journalists where dis

agreement exists."

Mr. Sharif counters such

arguments by pointing out that

it will not be the government

but the judicial authorities who

will have the final say in deter

mining whether any journalist

violated the law.

"The law actually protects

# Middle East News

## Yaqi marshes calm, villagers tell visitors

By Jane Arraf  
Reuter

**O**SHWEIL, Iraq — British humanitarians found all quiet on Iraqi-organised trip to the southern marshlands, where the coast accuses Baghdad of trying to prop up Shi'ite rebels.

"The marshes say their biggest

"item is the noise of U.S. jets

hitting the skies to protect

the Iraqi government,"

they told opposition Labour

MPs Tam Dalyell and George

Galloway on a fact-finding mission at the weekend.

"The marshes were as calm as

waters in which villagers fish

as they have for centuries,"

accused as having repeatedly denied

news reports and charges by ex-

Princes of a military drive to

drive out tens of thousands of

rebel who took refuge

in the Gulf war in the southern

marshes close to the border with

Kuwait.

"The main thing is the flying, it

reads the children," said a village

spokesman, Faleh Suweilim, referring

to sonic boom of U.S. jets

missiles hitting the southern "no-fly"

"I above the idyllic landscape

said after channels and reed beds,

by the United States, Britain and

France have been barreled from

bombing planes below its 32nd Parallel

to prevent military action

law in the marshes.

If there is an occupation going

on the Iraqi army here it's

completely not here and it's certain-

ly that these people and I'd ask

call one to show me evidence of

drone is who and what it was,"

said Galloway.

In February, the London

newspaper printed a

story by a journalist who had

spent 10 days with Shi'ites in the

marshlands and said Iraqi forces

had villages every night and

had off water in an attempt

to drown the marshes and destroy

refugee.

He had strenuously denied

that irrigation projects

had boosted domestic food

production aimed at divert water

from the marshlands.

Mr. Galloway said he had seen

the military presence on the

Thames from Baghdad than on his

claimant visits to the Israeli-

occupied West Bank.

There were no unusual check-

points on the 400-kilometre high-

way south from the capital but

raids and army tent camps were a

constant sight along the road

to Iraq. It is still plagued by

thugs.

A large cluster of reed houses on

the edge of the huge Al-Sanaf

possessions was the same village all

the journalists visit — offi-

cially.

By Yousef Azza

Reuter

**KHALUBAI** — Saudi Arabia's

Thurckdown against founders of

first human rights group

Guarded the kingdom's deter-

mination to quash radical

critics of its own fundamentalist

and of Islam, Arab and

western experts say.

The group made clear after

it was set up earlier this month

that it aimed to defend

Muslims imprisoned for

opposing the government's

and to

challenge the Islamic

legitimacy of the Saudi

state of government. Such a

challenge could not be allowed

to stand," one Arab expert

said.

But the group did not

pose a direct threat to the

use of Saudi that rules the

Tehran

dean

other

**CHURCHES**

Mary of Nazareth Church Swedish,

members of God Church, Tel.

peach 2785.

Joseph Church Tel. 62490.

Church of the Annunciation Tel.

forms 7440.

St. Simeon Church Tel. 661757.

Church of the Annunciation Tel.

23541.

St. George Church Tel. 657826; Tel.

Gaza 2843.

**PRAYER TIMES**

Fajr

(Sunrise) Dhuhr

Asr

Maghrib

Isha

Maghrib



Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Sunday inspects road construction along the east coast of the Dead Sea (Petra photo)

## Sharif Zeid inspects new road construction

AL ZARA (Petra) — Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Sunday inspected road construction along the east coast of the Dead Sea and expressed appreciation of efforts by the Ministry of Public Works which is sponsoring the project and the General Machinery Company which is building the road.

Accompanied by Minister of Public Works and Housing Saad Hayel Sour and other officials, the prime minister was briefed on the progress of work as well as the difficulties encountered.

The 31-kilometre stretch of road linking the towns of Zara and Ghor Haditha is part of a 90-kilometre road stretching from Sweimeh near the northern edge of the Dead Sea and Ghor Safi to the southern parts of the sea.

This part of the road, it was explained, is being built through



Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Sunday opens a seminar entitled "Towards a National Strategy on Women in Jordan"

## Princess Basma urges more women's involvement in socio-economic life

AMMAN (Petra) — "Current circumstances facing Jordan and the major challenges looming ahead require that we reconsider our priorities in all sectors, particularly in matters of concern to women," said Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Sunday.

In opening a seminar entitled "Towards a National Strategy on Women in Jordan," the Princess called for further involvement of women in all aspects of social and economic life.

Those women who are known to be deeply concerned over public issues and women's affairs should be involved in a positive and constructive dialogue to promote and enrich the Jordanian national strategy on women which came into being last year, said the Princess.

She added that this and other efforts are required to genuinely represent women with different affiliations and various political orientations and enable them to express and attain their aspirations.

Jordanian women have an important role to play in the current

stage, but this role should be based on sound and correct understanding of the principles of Islam and should also aim at meeting national aspirations, Princess Basma stressed. She said the National Committee on Women's Affairs (NCWA) ought to work out a defined and applicable programme and should suggest a special mechanism for its implementation.

The NCWA, the Princess added, requires hacking from various women's sectors so that it can contribute more effectively towards serving the nation's causes and interests.

Echoing Princess Basma's views, Upper House of Parliament member Ahmad Obeidat called for increased women's participation in public affairs.

In his address to the seminar, Mr. Obeidat said the holy Koran underlined the importance of women in society and advocated women's sharing with men in trade, agriculture, vocational training and all aspects of public life.

It is therefore unreasonable to

see women's potential lying idle in Arab and Islamic societies in an age of science and technology, Mr. Obeidat stressed.

Jordanian women's role in socio-economic development was advocated by the National Charter, which called for involving women in national development programmes, he said.

The senator called on planners and decision-makers to take into consideration the effective role of women in all matters of concern to the Jordanian society.

At the seminar, Taher Hikmat, a noted lawyer, submitted a working paper tackling the legal and political dimensions of life and women's political rights.

Ministry of Education Secretary General Munther Masi presented a working paper noting that women's participation in economic affairs was relatively low.

The paper said there exists a high level of unemployment among Jordanian women, reaching 34.4 per cent of the total work force.

## Public debate continues over amending of election law

By Sa'eda Kilani  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Parliament deputies Sunday insisted that the issuance of any temporary law without its passing through the legislature is unconstitutional, and the leader of the Communist Party called on the government to clarify its real intentions regarding the amendment of the current election law.

Representing various political streams, three deputies, Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh, Hammam Sa'eed and Hussein Mjalli, along with Secretary General of the Jordanian Communist Party Yacoub Zayadin expressed their discontent over the numerous gaps in the current elections law in a conference at the Professional Union Complex. They also called on the public and the media to reject a temporary (election) law that may be issued by the government.

The speakers agreed that such a step (issuing a temporary law) if adopted by the government would be "unconstitutional," and asked that in case such a step was taken that Parliament be convened in an extraordinary session to discuss the matter "since it is the legitimate representative of the majority."

"Only through constitutional

channels is a constitutional right acquired," said deputy Rawabdeh, a staunch opponent of any amendment. "The temporary law while Parliament was in recess is a disgrace to our democratic process."

When the conference turned to discussing a Parliament seat quota for women, a debate was spurred, not only among the speakers but also among participants who insisted on knowing deputy Sa'eed's opinion on the quota system and the presence of women in Parliament.

Dr. Sa'eed said he rejects the quota system and that he believed when the current election law was adopted, considerations of equality among citizens at all levels had been taken into account.

But deputy Mjalli said the "equity principle" is relative. He went on to criticise, as deputy Mjalli did, the various proposals and forms of a future law.

The one-man-one-vote law, for example, Mr. Rawabdeh said, can be applied at a later stage when political parties gain experience and popularity and become a natural feature in the public and political life of Jordan.

Still, Hammam Sa'eed from the Muslim Brotherhood said that any discussion of the law and the form it should take should be carried out in Parliament. He

urged the government to be guided by the basic rights: To be represented in Parliament and be heard."

## Environmental protection efforts outlined at U.N.-sponsored meeting



NAIROBI (Petra) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Abdul Razzaq Tubeishat Sunday addressed a United Nations sponsored meeting here outlining Jordan's endeavours and activities in protecting the environment and conserving nature.

In his address to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) 17th board meeting,

Dr. Tubeishat said Jordan was among the first group of nations to endorse resolutions and international conferences and put into force international agreements regarding the protection of the environment.

He added that the country prepared a national programme for the 21st century and has worked out plans that are considered complementary to sustainable development.

Jordan has established several wild life and natural reserves and has been closely cooperating with regional and international organisations concerned with environmental protection, noted the minister, emphasising that the Kingdom's concern for the environment has assumed priority in its political and socio-economic activities.

The Nairobi meeting is discussing the environment and its close relation to economic development, particularly in the third world.

Referring to a UNEP report about the general environmental conditions of the world in 1992, the minister noted that the report drew a grim picture of the situation and underlined that the world should find solutions to environment-related problems as a pre-requisite for attaining sus-

tainable development in the next century.

He urged industrialised and advanced nations to help poor countries benefit from modern technology to help them protect the environment and attain economic progress.

## INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION AWARD

The Sole International Award  
For  
Construction And Associated  
Industry

"Editorial Office" in cooperation with the Trade Leaders Club has awarded AMMOUN MAINTENANCE & CONTRACTING Co. the International Construction Award 1993, in Madrid, Spain.

This International award has been created in Europe to reward firms around the world which distinguished themselves in one of the branches concerning an important socio-economic industry as the field of construction and its allied building activities.

The selection committee has awarded AMMOUN MAINTENANCE & CONTRACTING Co. for their outstanding achievement in innovation in their field and on the price-quality ratio of their products.

AMMOUN MAINTENANCE & CONTRACTING Co. a Jordanian company, has outshone and surpassed other competitors in a technical and highly competitive field.

We are proud to have participated in presenting Jordan as a world leader in innovation, quality, and competence.

Co-partners  
ELIAS GEORGE BADDOUR  
AMMAR HALDOUN MALHAS



AMMOUN MAINTENANCE & CONTRACTING Co.



## WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

### EXHIBITIONS

- ★ Exhibition of the Young Muslim Women's Society at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- ★ Art exhibition entitled "Fragments: Weavings and Works on Paper" by Kevin A. Hlach and Margaret M. Hlach at the American Centre.
- ★ Exhibition of paintings by Suha Katibah Noursi at the Spanish Cultural.
- ★ Art exhibition of works by artists from Jordan, Iraq and Morocco at Alia Art Gallery.
- ★ Children's illustration exhibition by Lamia Abdul Sahib at the British Council.
- ★ Exhibition of paintings by students from Nazareth College at the French Cultrzi Centre.
- ★ Exhibition of paintings by Adnan Al Sharif at Baladna Art Gallery.

### LECTURE

- ★ Lecture entitled "Humeira and the Abbasid Revolution" by Dr. Robert Schick at the Friends of Archaeology Centre at 7 p.m.

## BID INVITATION - (BY SEALED ENVELOPE)

### The Ports Corporation — Aqaba

The Ports Corporation wishes to sell by auction the "floating restaurant" which consists of the following parts:

Main structure - Barge made of marine steel.  
Superstructure — (shelter accommodation) - closed dining room terrace, kitchenware.

Those interested in this auction are kindly requested to report to tenders secretary at the Ports Corporation, Aqaba during working ours to collect bid copies against a non-refundable sum of JD 50.

Closing date for the sale of bids is Saturday, May 27, 1993, 12:00 hrs. Deadline for accepting offers is Sunday, June 13, 1993, 10:00 hrs. An accredited cheque or bank guarantee of JD 10,000 should be submitted with offers. Offers submitted by sealed envelope and offers which do not met above conditions will not be considered.

Dr. Dureid Mahasneh  
Director General



British  
SUMMER CAMPS  
FOR CHILDREN & TEENAGERS  
Caring  
Experienced Staff  
Exciting Fun Activities  
FIRST TIME CAMPERS SPECIALISTS  
JUNIOR / TEENAGE SUPERCHOICE  
JULY & AUGUST - AIRPORT PICKUPS  
Adventure Holidays in Devon & Norfolk.  
For a FREE Brochure - Video  
CAMP BEAUMONT  
Tel: (01450) 556123 Fax: (01450) 556307  
WEST STREET, COOMBE, DEVON, EX8 1LS, ENGLAND



## Features

### Arab-Americans — a patchwork of assimilation, seclusion

By Mohammad Salam  
and Donna Abu Nasr  
The Associated Press

DEARBORN, Mich. — The Mexican belly dancer gyrated out of sync with the Egyptian band. Women in long dresses and scarves sat next to others in miniskirts. Fried chicken and rigatoni filled in for traditional roast lamb and rice.

The cultural confusion at the wedding of Abir Hamdan, 18, and Khalil Berro, 22, Arab-Americans of Lebanese-Shiite descent, went unnoticed by most of the guests. But it set Abed Sabaa to shaking his head.

"Not right," he protested as men on the dance floor shook their hips while dancing the dabke. In this "foot-banging" dance, men move their legs, hands, shoulders but never their hips. That was for women.

And worse, Mr. Sabaa said, "you don't serve American dishes to Arabs celebrating a wedding."

At weddings in southern Lebanon, where Mr. Sabaa's hometown of Tibbin is located, stuffed lamb known as "ouzi" is served with grilled chicken, grilled lamb chops and triangular pastries stuffed with thyme, cheese and spinach.

Mr. Sabaa is typical of many of the 2.5 million Arab-descended people in the United States, who live in an Arabised subculture that borrows heavily from its American surroundings but has not been fully absorbed.

The tall, broad-shouldered Sabaa, 47, who manages an auto shop in Detroit, exhibits a bit of cultural confusion himself. He wears Levi's blue jeans, drives a 1992 Mercury that costs as much as a two-bedroom house in Tibbin and plays darts at his favorite hangout, the Palomar Bar. But, he says with a grin, "I still sweat at people in Arabic whenever I'm upset."

A smaller, more militant pocket of conservative Arab Muslims lives apart, almost as a nation within a nation. Its participants rigorously guard against what they see as an onslaught of temptations offered by the liberal American society. The conservatives have opened their own schools, avoid their American neighbours and observe strict Islamic customs, including the ban on alcohol, the preparation of food according to Islamic law and the covering of women."

The conservatives have opened their own schools, avoid their American neighbours and observe strict Islamic customs, including the ban on alcohol, the preparation of food according to Islamic law and the "covering of women."

At the Al Ghazaly School in Jersey City, N.J., in a neighbourhood known as "Little Egypt," students are taught that Darwin's theories deny the existence of God. In geography classes, they are told the nation labelled Israel on U.S.-made maps is Palestine.

"If students are sent to non-Muslim school, then this means we're handing over the responsibility of raising our children to non-believers who would leave their black fingerprints on the souls of our boys and girls," said the principal, Adnan Omran, whose school has 300 students ranging up to high school age.

All students wear spartan uniforms of navy blue and white, and girls must cover their heads with oversized white scarves at age 7.

Women teachers also wear scarves and ankle-length dresses in accordance with Islamic custom that forbids public display of a woman's hair or figure.

Mr. Omran said the school's duty was to teach students to grow up as "good Muslims." He said that because of their upbringing there were no major disciplinary problems.

"It's the internal deterrent that we instill in the students that helps them fulfill their duties and

modify their behaviour," he said.

Students learn songs with religious messages. At a celebration of Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting, teenage girls in white headscarves sang in Arabic:

"My father died as a martyr and I shall follow in his footsteps. 'We'll meet in paradise one day. Oh, what joy that will bring us."

On Dearborn's Dix Avenue sits an Arabic coffee house, or "qahwa." Like its cousins in the Middle East, it has no name. It offers old-country atmosphere for its male Arab-American clientele, many of whom work in Detroit's auto plants.

They speak "Arabish," a blend of Arabic and English that has developed since Arabs started immigrating to Michigan after World War I.

"Bet-tou!" shouted Hossein Sareini as he dealt the cards for a betting game called fourteen. The curious word is rooted in the English "bet," but is cast in the Arabic imperative, ordering players to place their bets.

**A smaller, more militant pocket of conservative Arab Muslims lives, apart, almost as a nation within a nation. Its participants rigorously guard against what they see as an onslaught of temptations offered by the liberal American society. The conservatives have opened their own schools, avoid their American neighbours and observe strict Islamic customs, including the ban on alcohol, the preparation of food according to Islamic law and the covering of women."**

Like village coffee shops in the Middle East, the one at 1031 Dix Ave. is spare — only 10 tables and 60 plastic chairs — and offers no menu. It serves three items: Turkish coffee, tea and orange juice. Other orders can be bought from the nearby "rasata," or restaurant.

Any order at the coffee shop costs 50 cents, but the price is stated as "nus riyal." "Nus" is Arabic for half, and the riyal is the currency of Saudi Arabia. No one in the shop knew why a dollar is called a riyal.

Nostalgia is sometimes as thick as the coffee.

Sareini, a bookbinder in Beirut who came here in 1973 seeking a better-paying job, complains he has lost his children to America. "I don't hear 'hi, pi' from any of my six sons," he said, complaining that they rarely visit him. "They've become Americans."

Later, sipping a beer at the Palomar Bar, he encountered his fourth son, Younis, 24. It was the first time the two had met in almost three months, and the encounter occurred on the Eid Al Fitr, a Muslim holiday celebrated with joyous family gatherings in the Arab World.

### UAE tries to keep dhow boating tradition afloat

By Christine Hauser  
Reuter

ABU DHABI — Sultan Al Mebari, 99, climbed out of his chauffeur-driven car at sunset and hobbled over to his dhow, laid up at a boatyard, to run a hand along its curves.

He whispered a few words to the wooden boat but preferred that a visitor talk to his younger relative, Salem, about the traditional techniques of dhow building, threatened by the younger generation's taste for speedboats.

"I'm getting old," Sultan said. "But what I know about he (Salem) knows more, because he has taken from the old and the new."

Sultan and Salem Al Mebari are descended from generations of boat builders in Buteen, a coastal enclave in the United Arab Emirates capital.

For centuries Buteen's boatyards have built the wooden dhows of eastern traders in the Gulf.

British archaeologists working on Abu Dhabi's islands have uncovered flint chips and pottery which they say point to a maritime trade corridor going back 7,000 years.

Historians cannot say precisely when dhows first appeared in the Gulf but they have played a key role in the region's ancient trade and in pearl diving and fishing.

Now the boat-making tradition is threatened as never before by

the affluence that has come with oil wealth.

"Now oil has come to the country," Salem said. "Young people in the old times were with their fathers. Now the experience of old men will be forgotten."

In a push to forestall the death of a long tradition, UAE President Sheikh Zaid Bin Sultan Al Nahyan in April pledged to sponsor more traditional boat races.

The move is part of a drive to lure UAE youth, who opt for flashy powerboats and jet skis instead of rounds of mini tea on the tranquil decks of a dhow making its stately way at 12 knots.

Sheikh Zaid will give away a luxury cars and thousands of dirhams as prizes for races featuring specialty boats turned out by dhow builders, including wooden boats with huge billowing sails and slender, cigar-shaped rowboats seating one hundred passengers.

A long time ago people were diving for pearls, fishing and travelling in the dhows. Now we have airplanes and shipping."

"Boat-building ... has hitherto revolved around the traditional hand-crafted wooden boat," the study said.

"Wooden boats take rather long to build, the number of craftsmen for the traditional boats is limited, and the boats

require constant and sometimes expensive maintenance."

The lure of modernity is also

eroding the trade.

"My son likes to make speed boats," said Mohammad Bu Ha-

mon, 55, from one of the UAE's oldest dhow-building families.

"But what I'm doing is art."



**GULF DHOWS:** Rara avis or?... The trade of building wooden boats is slowly

dying faced with competition from fiberglass speed boats (file photo)

### Storm in a Coke glass over publication of 'secret' recipe

By Richard Walker  
Reuter

ATLANTA — The author of an "unauthorised" history of Coca-Cola has responded by dismissing Mr. Pendergast's claims and calling his book "The latest in a long line of previous, unsuccessful attempts to reveal a 107-year-old mystery. The secret formula and process of manufacture remain a secret."

Former librarian Mark Pendergast — whose "For God, Country and Coca-Cola" went on sale two weeks ago — says an archivist let him copy a century-old formula of Coke inventor John Pemberton during one of many visits to corporate headquarters in Atlanta.

Coca-Cola's attempts to keep the recipe secret are legendary. It pulled out of India in 1977 rather than divulge it to the government.

Mr. Pendergast writes that he was allowed to copy what appears to be the "original formula" from the tattered remains of Mr. Pemberton's records.

Among the ingredients listed are fluid extract of coca leaves, caffeine, vanilla extract, lime juice, citric acid, alcohol and various natural flavours including orange oil, lemon oil, nutmeg, cinnamon and coriander.

The latest row, Mr. Pendergast

said, should not overshadow his effort to chronicle how "a patent medicine invented in the southern United States as a brain tonic and aphrodisiac has grown into the world's most popular consumer product."

The 556-page book "falls short of being a totally truthful effort," the company said in a statement.

Coca-Cola said it gave Mr. Pendergast the same access to corporate records and files that it would give "any serious researcher."

Mr. Pendergast told Reuters he saw the raw row over Coke's secret formula as a storm in a teacup.

Over the years, he said, Coca-Cola officials had made changes to the formula, including removing traces of cocaine in 1903, reducing caffeine and replacing sugar with corn sweetener.

The biggest controversy occurred in 1985 when Chairman Roberto Goizueta unveiled a sweeter "new Coke" to such public outrage in the United States that the company was compelled to bring back the old formula as "Coke classic."

Among the ingredients listed are fluid extract of coca leaves, caffeine, vanilla extract, lime juice, citric acid, alcohol and various natural flavours including orange oil, lemon oil, nutmeg, cinnamon and coriander.

Publisher Charles Scribner's Sons had such success with the book that a Commonwealth edition will be published this year and Japanese, Korean, Chinese, French, Italian, German, Spanish and Portuguese versions are planned.

### the american language center

IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS  
12 JUNE - 3 AUGUST SESSION

- Adult, afternoon and evening courses  
General English Skills, TOEFL Preparation, Conversation 2, Professional Communication, Advanced Academic Study Skills/Writing, Levels 1-6

- Ages 12-17, morning courses General English Skills, TOEFL Preparation, Levels 1-4

- Women, two weeks of morning Conversation classes June 12 - June 23 and/or July 3 - July 14

Placement Tests: New students should register for a placement test: May 12, May 19, or June 6.

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 659-859 for more information.

### FUR STORAGE

### TIME

at

### Modern Fur Care Company

Protect your fur from oxidation & insect damage

#### COLD STORAGE: Protect & Revitalize

The hot summer months dry out, age, and harden the leather of your valuable fur. Our temperature and humidity controlled fur storage vault increases the life of your garment.

#### PROFESSIONAL CLEANING: Beautify & Preserve

Cleaning and glazing will preserve the lustrous beauty and restore the silkiness that made your fur such a special buy.

#### FUR REPAIRS: A stitch in time saves nine

Periodic small repairs will add years of beautiful new looking life to your valuable fur.

MFCC : CONTACT US FOR A FREE PICK UP

located opposite Mazar supermarket, floor 2

Telephone 820260 dial 16 after the beep

Our Services are FULLY INSURED

Orient Express Ltd.

Tours & Tourism

### Special Direct Flight

1 hour 45 minutes to the  
Greek Island 'Rodos'  
During Al Adha Holiday.

Departure Amman 31st May 1993  
Return Flight 6th June 1993

Rate from JD 290/- per person  
For more information Please call:  
602460 - 683789

The Newest  
Name In  
Luxury Hotels

FORTE  
GRAND  
AMMAN

Selected By Experts  
Cooked By Professionals  
Eaten By You

Best Value Food In Town  
From Only J.D 2.500

Andalusia Restaurant

(Formerly Amman Plaza Hotel)  
Queen Noor Street Shmeissani P.O. Box 930624 Amman 11110 Jordan  
Tel: 962 6 6741111 Fax: 962 6 674261

## Survey finds injuries cost U.S. employers \$101 billion annually

WASHINGTON (AP) — Injuries on and off the job cost American employers more than \$181 billion a year — including \$54.8 billion for highway crashes, business group has said.

The Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS) said its report for the first time documents the enormous cost to businesses of paying for workers' injuries, many of them preventable.

The group focused on highway accidents, saying there is a need for year-round employer-sponsored safety programmes to encourage workers to wear safety belts and drive carefully.

"Traffic safety programmes in American workplaces would save all of us — employers, employees, our families and consumers — a lot of money," Gloria

Craven, an organization official, said at a news conference.

Mike Brownlee, associate administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), said the costs associated with death and injury to the American worker account for three per cent of the nation's gross national product each year.

"Stated another way, eliminating injuries could lower the price of goods and services by three per cent," he said.

The NHTSA paid for the NETS report, and Mr. Brownlee attended the news conference.

William Snyder, head of GEICO Corp., said a typical serious car crash can cost an employer \$100,000 for one worker — including medical payments, wages for the injured employee's replacement and lost

productivity. If the business's profit margin is 10 per cent, he said, the accident consumes profits on \$1 million in sales.

"A million dollars in sales to pay for one motor vehicle crash injury," he said. "We experience 320,000 of those injuries annually."

Another report by an advocacy group has found that nearly one out of every three Americans between 16 and 19 had an unemployment rate of 19.5 per cent in March. This was almost three times the national unemployment rate of seven per cent.

For African-American youth, almost 45 per cent were unemployed in March, according to ADA. But, it said, the "real jobless" rate for youth is worse.

"Nearly one out of three teenagers (16-19) is unemployed, has given up looking for a job or is forced to work part-time despite wanting a full-time job.

Young people in school are not considered part of the labour force, though many also hold jobs.

"The prospects of getting a job for a young person are getting worse," according to Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), which is active in labour causes.

"While most youth are finding it difficult to get and keep a job, if

you are young and African-American or Hispanic and live in a big city, it is close to impossible," the report emphasized.

The study, based on U.S. government data, found youth between ages 16 and 19 had an unemployment rate of 19.5 per cent in March. This was almost three times the national unemployment rate of seven per cent.

For African-American youth, almost 45 per cent were unemployed in March, according to ADA. But, it said, the "real jobless" rate for youth is worse.

"Nearly one out of three teenagers (16-19) is unemployed, has given up looking for a job or is forced to work part-time despite wanting a full-time job.

Young people in school are not considered part of the labour force, though many also hold jobs.

"The prospects of getting a job for a young person are getting worse," according to Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), which is active in labour causes.

"While most youth are finding it difficult to get and keep a job, if

you are young and African-American or Hispanic and live in a big city, it is close to impossible," the report emphasized.

## Norwegian budget has record deficit

OSLO (AFP) — Norway's finance ministry has presented a revised 1993 budget, with a record deficit of 53.9 billion kroner (\$7.93 billion), up from a December forecast of 51.4 billion kroner (\$7.56 billion).

The deficit increase was mainly attributable to lower oil revenues, the ministry said. Oil income was expected to fall by two billion kroner.

Excluding revenues from North Sea oil and gas fields, the 1993 deficit was set at 77.1 billion kroner, against a December forecast of 76.6 billion kroner.

The ministry said that growth of gross domestic product (GDP) would fall to 0.8 per cent in 1993, down from 2.5 per cent the previous year. The December forecast was 1.0 per cent.

North Sea oil prices expected to average 127 kroner per barrel (\$18.7), the same as forecast in December.

The finance ministry said the state should begin selling its shares in Kreditkassen, Norway's second biggest commercial bank,

in the autumn.

The total borrowing need for Norway would jump to 93.7 billion kroner in 1993, against 55.7 billion kroner the previous year. The December forecast was 88.2 billion kroner.

Finance Minister Sigbjorn Johnsen said that Norway would return to fixed exchange rates as soon as international circumstances permit.

Norway allowed the krone float against the European Currency Unit (ECU) on Dec. 10.

In December the government forecast four per cent growth for the traditional mainland industries, but the figure has now been reduced to one per cent for the whole of 1993.

The revised growth figure is based on the weak economic performance of Germany and the Nordic countries, Norway's most important trading partners.

Unemployment, currently running at five to six per cent, was expected to fall by 0.5 per cent in

## ECONOMIC NEWS IN BRIEF

### Japan Airlines to ask employees to retire voluntarily from 35

TOKYO (AFP) — Japan Airlines Co. Ltd. (JAL) will ask employees aged 35-44 to retire voluntarily to cut labour costs, extending an early retirement programme that has applied to those over 45, officials have said. Japan's largest airline company will provide 50 per cent more in retirement benefits to employees who voluntarily quit after at least 10 years' service, the officials said. Some 150 of the 7,000 employees at JAL aged 35-44 are expected to apply to for the early retirement programme in June and July, said JAL. It is expected to post 50 billion yen (\$452 million) in pre-tax losses for fiscal 1992 that ended on March 31, reflecting a global slump in international flight business.

### Norway's oil, gas reserves increase

OSLO (R) — Norway's oil and gas reserves grew last year despite the fact that west Europe's biggest oil producer was pumping at record levels, a report from the government-funded Petroleum Directorate has showed. "From 1991 to 1992... growth in oil and gas reserves were larger than production. The increase in oil was 58.8 million standard cubic metres while gas has risen by 18.6 billion standard cubic metres," the directorate report said. Norway now flows a record 2.4 million barrels oil per day and the report said production could continue at current levels for another 20 years. Gas production could go on at the current rate for another 115 years.

### Nepal earns \$62.7m from tourism

KATHMANDU (AFP) — Tourism in Nepal climbed 14.1 per cent in 1992 from 1991, an official of the ministry of tourism and civil aviation has said. He said 334,353 tourists visited Nepal last year, with Indians accounting for nearly one third of the total. The next largest group was the British, followed by Germans, French, Americans, and Scandinavians. Visitors to Nepal in 1992 stayed an average of 14 days, compared with 12 days a year earlier, the official said, adding that nearly 70,000 tourists trekked to the Annapurna and Mount Everest regions for an average of 15 days. Tourism, Nepal's second-largest earner after the carpet and clothing export industry, brought in \$62.7 million last year.

### Dubai trade maintains high growth

DUBAI (R) — Trade in booming Dubai, the commercial hub of the United Arab Emirates and a principal Gulf port, hit new records in 1992 with massive increases in imports, non-oil exports and re-exports. Government figures showed imports up by almost 25 per cent to 47.5 billion dirhams (\$13 billion). Re-exports, a major business for Dubai that acts as a clearing house for trade around the Gulf, were up almost 20 per cent to nine billion dirhams (\$3.45 billion). Non-oil exports were up 18.5 per cent to 3.3 billion dirhams (\$900 million). Figures are not published for the value of oil exports from Dubai, a small oil producer with an output of about 350,000 barrels per day.

## HOROSCOPE

### FORECAST FOR MONDAY MAY 17, 1993

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** Things will seem to work out well in the early part of the day but later on, individuals may go back on their word and feel they don't have been inspired to do their best. Be sure to state your aims clearly.

**ARIES:** March 21 to April 19. Get into the many activities at which you are proficient and get them in perfect shape after which you can be with outside associates and new agreements.

**TAURUS:** (April 20 to May 20) During the day you can make plans for having a good time at the outlets of your choice and tonight eliminate confusion and make wise future plans.

**GEMINI:** (May 21 to June 21) The promises you have made your family during the weekend can be successfully put in motion today but tonight take them with you to amusements.

**MONS CHILDREN:** (June 22 to July 21) You have many activities to put in motion today so don't delay but get them in back of you, then be tactful, eliminate problems at home.

**LEO:** (July 22 August 21) Carry through with the practical decisions you made over the weekend during the daytime while later be sure you know your facts before communicating.

**VIRGO:** (August 22 to September 22) Your daytime is replete with opportunities for you to put you

**PICTURES:** (February 20 to March 20) Do what you can to convince outside partners of your views even if it requires much time and effort, then don't listen to others criticism of your surroundings.

## THE Daily Crossword





## U.N. braces for more fighting as Bosnian Serbs resume voting

SARAJEVO (R) — Fierce fighting that has raged in northern and southern Bosnia for the past week could soon spread to central regions once more, a United Nations official said Sunday.

"Clashes between Serbs and Muslims around the northern town of Brcko were reported Saturday night and Sunday morning," Commander Barry Frewer said.

Frontline positions around Brcko, which commands a vital Serb supply corridor, did not however appear to have moved much recently despite machinegun and artillery duels.

"The Bosnian Serb Panthers special forces unit accused Muslims of taking advantage of a Serb referendum this weekend on a peace plan for Bosnia to launch an attack on Brcko."

"The fact is they lost Brcko last May," Panthers spokeswoman Tamara Ognjevic, in black cap and combat fatigues, told Reuters Television.

"It was an excellent chance for them to invade Brcko and cut the corridor."

U.N. officials and Muslim media have in recent days spoken of a Serb offensive in the area.

In southwestern Bosnia, Muslim forces traded fire in the ancient city of Mostar Sunday morning, Maj. Frewer said.

Hostilities continued despite a meeting between rival military leaders aimed at ending the fighting between the former allies which began in the town a week ago.

Croatian radio accused the Muslims of starting Sunday's attack.

Maj. Frewer said Spanish U.N. peacekeeping troops were still being fired on by units of the Bosnian Croat Forces (HVO), who controlled access to and from Mostar.

He also voiced concern that fighting between Croats and Muslims would erupt again in central Bosnia, where tension has been rising since bitter clashes between the two sides subsided earlier this month.

"We are watching growing tensions in the Travnik, Vitez, Kiseljak areas," Maj. Frewer told reporters.

"There is evidence reinforcements are being moved in and we have seen some new HVO gun positions around Vitez."

He added: "We are bracing for the possibility of new fighting

around this area."

A team of U.N. military observers came under fire near Kiseljak Saturday while they were on a mission to arrange a body and prisoner exchange between Muslims and Croats.

One of the observers was wounded in the foot by a bullet fired from a distance of about 150 metres.

"We don't know who fired," said Maj. Frewer. "But we suspect it came from an HVO position."

Muslims and Croats, until recently allied in their fight against the Bosnian Serbs, have turned on each other in an attempt to grab territory ahead of possible implementation of a U.N.-backed peace plan which divides Bosnia into ethnic areas.

Maj. Frewer also reported sporadic small arms and mortar fire around the eastern Muslim town of Srebrenica, where agreement has been reached with Serb forces to establish a demilitarised zone.

The Bosnian Serbs were still insisting that no United Nations aid convoys would be allowed into the town until demilitarisation was completed, a process expected to take a few more days.

A spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, John McMillan, said people from outlying villages wanted to return to the town of Srebrenica, but had been told by Canadian peacekeepers there that the situation was still too unsettled.

Mr. McMillan said the town was suffering from a shortage of water and had only enough food for a week. It also needed seed as the planting season was coming to an end.

For all these reasons, Mr. McMillan said, the resumption of aid convoys was essential.

Meanwhile, Bosnian Serbs resumed voting Sunday in a referendum expected to deliver an overwhelming "no" to a United Nations-sponsored peace plan to end the republic's 13-month civil war.

Even before polling in the weekend plebiscite was completed, their leaders said they would call for fresh proposals if voters rejected the scheme.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic announced he would call Mikhail Gorbachev to draw up a new peace plan, but officials at the former Soviet president's think tank in Moscow said they knew nothing of the request.

## Khasbulatov: West pushing Russia to ruin

MOSCOW (R) — President Boris Yeltsin's chief political rival portrayed Russia at the weekend as a country on its knees before the Western world, being pushed towards civil war, disintegration and foreign control.

Parliamentary Chairman Russian Khasbulatov said Mr. Yeltsin's attempt to bypass the legislature in drafting a new constitutional order for Russia provided dictatorial ambitions. In these designs, he was encouraged by a self-serving West.

"Attempts to solve the present crisis ... by anti-constitutional means will lead irrevocably to the collapse of Russia — something which influential international political, financial and industrial circles are striving for in the most open manner," he wrote in Rossiskaya Gazeta newspaper.

"The time has come when not only deputies and ministers, not only regional authorities, but all citizens should recognise the danger facing the country of death, war and subjugation to foreign powers," he said.

"The danger to Russia of 'Balcanisation' is a real one."

Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev met international mediators Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg in Moscow Sunday to discuss ways of stopping fighting in former Yugoslavia.

Nationalist opponents of Mr. Yeltsin see Mr. Kozyrev's backing of Western policies in the region as a symptom of a sellout of traditional Russian interests to the United States.

Mr. Yeltsin's estranged former political ally, Vice-President Alexander Rutskoi, also accused the West this week of having deliberately engineered the collapse of the Soviet Union and suggested it now sought to dismember Russia.

Both Mr. Rutskoi and Mr. Khasbulatov point to outspoken Western support for Mr. Yeltsin and to the West's unprecedented influence over Russian economic policy as Moscow carries financial favour to see it through radical market reforms.

The strongly nationalist remarks coincide with an offensive by Mr. Yeltsin against conservative political enemies including, in the first rank, Mr. Rutskoi and Mr. Khasbulatov.

Building on what he regards as a triumph in last month's national confidence vote, he has sacked two key conservative officials and summoned a special assembly for June 5 to draft and possibly adopt a new constitution.

The move, bypassing the existing constitution, has opened a split in the parliamentary opposition, with some long-time allies of Mr. Khasbulatov now backing Mr. Yeltsin's plan.

In comments to foreign journalists Saturday, Mr. Khasbulatov issued an implicit warning to the West, speaking of possible anarchy rather than any foreign dominion in Russia if Mr. Yeltsin flouts the constitution.

"And that means that those nuclear, biological, chemical and other ... weapons that are very dangerous to the environment and to other states many end up out of control," he said.

He said Vietnam had done a great deal to cooperate, especially since last month's row over a Russian document which indicated Hanoi held 600 more prisoners in 1972 than it acknowledged.

Although Vietnam rejected the document as a fake and U.S. experts said they had doubts about it, the U.S. anti-Vietnam lobby used it to raise questions about Hanoi's good faith.

## U.S. wants more documents from Hanoi

HANOI (R) — A U.S. senator hinted Sunday that the United States might lift its economic embargo of Vietnam provided it got more documents from Hanoi about American soldiers who have gone unresolved since the Vietnam War.

Two leaders were cited for their efforts to reform South Africa's apartheid system, in the spirit of the medal, which honours the ideals behind America's founding.

Mr. John Kerry, a Democrat from Massachusetts, delivered a message from President Bill Clinton to Vietnamese President Le Duc Anh on the issue of U.S. prisoners-of-war and servicemen Missing-In-Action (PoW/MIA).

It remained the key issue in

relations between Washington and Hanoi, including an end to the embargo and to U.S. vetoes on International Monetary Fund (IMF) loans to Vietnam, Sen. Kerry told a news conference after meeting Mr. Anh and government ministers.

"The impediment to the United States moving on the embargo or the IMF has been remaining questions or reservations about PoW/MIA. That is why resolution of this problem is so important," Sen. Kerry said.

Washington believed Vietnam had "greatly cooperated" by signing the 1991 Paris accords for Cambodia and clearing its post-war reeducation camps — issues on which the United States had demanded action by Hanoi and on PoW/MIA.

"But questions still exist. So the real question on the IMF and the embargo is how rapidly can we eliminate these remaining questions on PoW/MIA," he said.

"If we can proceed rapidly to answer the question, I'm confident the United States will proceed forward in the relationship," he said.

He said Vietnam had done a great deal to cooperate, especially since last month's row over a Russian document which indicated Hanoi held 600 more prisoners in 1972 than it acknowledged.

Although Vietnam rejected the document as a fake and U.S. experts said they had doubts about it, the U.S. anti-Vietnam lobby used it to raise questions about Hanoi's good faith.

Recent remarks by some members of the parliamentary leadership, Mr. Khasbulatov not among them, have suggested a possible compromise between the presidential version and a parliamentary draft.

He explained Sunday that Washington had made the link because promoting universal principles of freedom and human rights served as the central pillars of U.S. foreign policy under the new administration.

## Doctors baffled as mystery disease spreads across Cuba

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Cuba (R) — Cuban doctors are baffled by a mysterious nerve disease that has affected more than 25,000 people at a time when the Communist-ruled Caribbean island is experiencing widespread food and medicine shortages.

"There's something strange about this thing," Damarys Fuentel, a neuro-ophthalmic specialist, told reporters last week at a hospital in the eastern city of Santiago De Cuba, where several dozen new cases were being admitted daily.

Cuban health authorities have declared a nationwide health alert to deal with the epidemic, which they initially identified last April 3 as optic neuritis, an illness linked to Vitamin B deficiency causing eyeight disorders.

Since then they have widened the diagnosis, describing the illness as a "neuropathic epidemic," a disorder attacking the nervous system that can affect not only the eyes but other parts of the body as well, causing muscle disorders and painful cramps.

"We're looking at an illness that has several manifestations," Armando Guerra, Santiago De Cuba's provincial Health Ministry director, said. "It doesn't tally with any of the patterns that appear in the medical literature," he added.

Joaquin Rodriguez Olivares, a

35-year-old railway station master and one of the patients being treated for the disease in the Santiago hospital, said he had first felt very tired and then experienced disruptions to his eyesight.

"I felt it wasn't seeing properly," he said.

Another patient, 30-year-old Francisco D'Espaigne, said he had suffered sharp pains in his forehead. Luis Adames Cobas, who works in the propaganda office at local party headquarters, had felt muscular cramps.

Mr. Guerra said a theory that the illness was caused solely by malnutrition, the result of nationwide shortages of Vitamin-rich foods like meat, milk and eggs, was contradicted by the fact that many of the patients were well-nourished.

Some of the more elderly patients were visibly too weak to move in their beds. Others walked about the wards.

As a preventive measure, Cuban authorities are distributing a Vitamin supplement containing Vitamin B complex, manufactured in pill form from imported Vitamins, to Cuba's entire

JORDAN TIMES, MONDAY, MAY 17, 1993

## British woman makes second Everest attempt

LONDON (R) — Mountaineer Rebecca Stephens has launched a second attempt to become the first British woman to climb Mount Everest, an expedition spokesman said. Ms. Stephens, 31, pressed ahead with three sherpas when high altitude fatigue forced fellow climber John Barry to turn back. "She's very determined and committed," spokesman David Feller told Reuters. On Monday, team member Harry Taylor became the first mountaineer to reach the summit of Mount Everest from the Nepalese side without oxygen. The expedition commemorates the anniversary later this month of the first conquest of the mountain in 1953 by New Zealander Edmund Hillary and sherpa Tenzing Norgay.

## Actor Claude Akins fighting for life

PASADENA, California (AP) — Actor Claude Akins was listed in serious condition Saturday after two operations for stomach cancer and complications, the actor's agent and hospital officials said. The 74-year-old Akins was upgraded from critical to serious after the second operation, said Huntington Memorial Hospital nursing supervisor Barbara Frum. "He had cancer surgery last week and they removed a portion of his stomach, more than half, and said they got 100 per cent of the cancer," said Mike Belson, Akins' agent. "But then he had some sort of blockage, ... I think in the colon." Akins appeared in the soap opera *One Life To Live*. Film credits include *The Caine Mutiny*, *The Defiant Ones*, *Rio Bravo*, *Porgy And Bess*, and *How The West Was Won*.

## Making a meal of it

AMIA (AP) — A "born-again" ex-convict is drawing crowds in the capital of Western Samoa with a stage act which involves eating live animals and quoting the Bible. The Samoa Times published a photo of Atoa Matautu in action eating a live cat. Mr. Matautu was serving a life sentence for murder in neighbouring U.S. Samoa, but authorities released him after 14 years in prison, saying he had become a devout Christian. According to the Times, Mr. Matautu, in a recent performance, enthralled an audience by eating cockroaches and a lizard. He was about to eat a puppy when a spectator, a member of parliament, intervened and saved the dog. Between courses, Mr. Matautu made obscure references to the Bible. Police say they cannot take action because cruelty to animals is not a crime in Western Samoa.

## Diana-Charles transcripts 'faked'

LONDON (AP) — Transcripts published this week of a purportedly recorded tiff between Prince Charles and Princess Diana are "fakes," two Sunday papers said quoting a highly-placed Buckingham Palace source and a bilingual expert. The Sunday Times said Prince Charles had "told palace officials that the transcript... is a fake." "Senior sources" at the palace "also claimed that reports of the royal couple being 'bugged' by the security services were the result of a hoax," the paper added. It quoted the sources as saying "the prince is very angry at being a pawn in a tabloid circulation war." The Sunday Times said the denials were "significant" in that "when previous tapes of conversations were published containing more damaging material, the royal family made no attempt to deny their authenticity." The Observer called on a forensic linguistic expert from Glasgow University whose work had been "accepted as evidence in the court of appeal in quashing evidence." According to the paper this expert said the transcripts "cannot be accepted as authentic." He said the words respectively attributed to the Prince and Princess of Wales were "not the words of one person but of two or more sources." He said everyone had his or her own "verbal fingerprint" based on variations in sentence lengths, the number of words of three letters and the number of words beginning with vowels.

## Brazilian writer suffers heart attack

BRASILIA (R) — Jorge Amado, Brazil's best-known writer and author of more than 20 novels, including *Dona Flor And Her Two Husbands*, suffered a heart attack but is recovering well, a relative said Saturday. Mr. Amado, 80, was admitted to intensive care late Thursday at Hospital Alianza in his hometown of Salvador, Bahia state, for treatment of a heart attack and acute fluid in the lungs, said Luiza Amado, his sister-in-law. "He's much better, he's getting out of the crisis," she said in a telephone interview from the hospital.



The successful Irish Eurovision Song Contest team cheers after the Irish entry "In Your Eyes" edged out England's, giving the Irish their second consecutive victory. (From left-to-right) Head of the

Millstreet, Ireland (R) — Ireland won the annual Eurovision Song Contest spectacular for the second year running, beating off competition from 24 countries including Bosnia, Croatia and Slovenia.

The upbeat ballad "In Your Eyes" triumphed in the biggest ever Eurovision line-up after a three-hour extravaganza held in a converted Irish show-jumping stadium and watched live by 300 million television viewers in Europe and beyond.

It was a fifth win for the Eurovision veteran Ireland but Balkan states competing for the first time in the pop parade were also stars of the show, raising a storm of applause for their songs although none came among the top scorers.

The group from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Fazia, had left Sarajevo under heavy fighting to enter their ballad about a soldier defending the city and had said before the contest they felt like winners just for being there. The group came way down the field in the 38th annual Eurovision but at least got a maximum

12 points from one of the 25 national juries, Turkey, Croatia, a strong favourite with bookmakers before the contest, had its hopes dashed when the vocal harmony "Don't Ever Cry" failed to stir the judges.

Ireland won the 1992 contest in Malmö, Sweden, with a ballad "Why Me?" written by two-times Eurovision victor Johnny Logan. This year's winning entry was sung by Niamh Kavanagh, a bank clerk and part-time blues session vocalist who performed on the soundtrack of the Alan Parker movie *The Commitments*, about a group trying to hit the big time in the Dublin music scene.

The 25-year-old said after the show she was overwhelmed and ecstatic to have pulled off a home win, while the organisers declared the show a resounding technical triumph.

Irish press coverage of the annual showdown has concentrated more on the technical wizardry needed to broadcast to 33 countries than the quality of the songs.

attributed to a possible combination of Vitamin deficiency and an unidentified toxin or virus.

"This illness spares nobody," said Esteban Lazo, the Communist Party First Secretary of Santiago De Cuba province.

Mr. Lazo, who is also a vice-president of Cuba's ruling Council of State, said four provincial party cadres were among the more than 1,000 victims of the illness in his province alone, which is in the southeastern part of the island.

All of the island's 14 provinces are affected, especially the most Western provinces of Pinar Del Rio and Havana. Up until April 30, nearly 26,000 cases had been reported, more than 19,000 of them involving vision problems. President Fidel Castro has said the epidemic is still spreading.

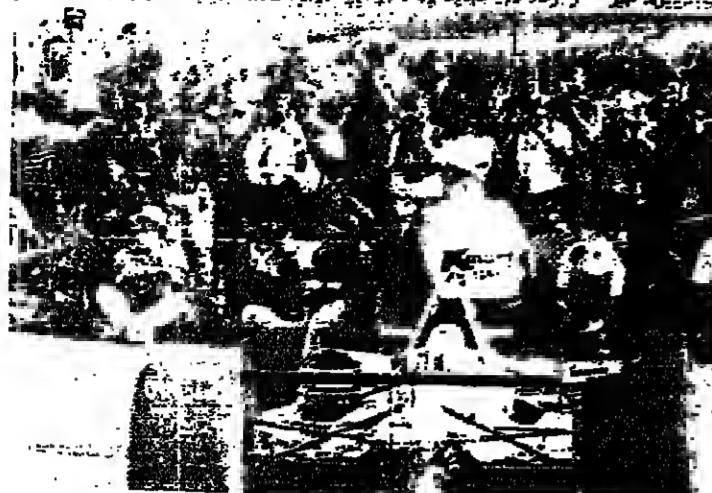
"We're looking at an illness that has several manifestations," Armando Guerra, Santiago De Cuba's provincial Health Ministry director, said. "It doesn't tally with any of the patterns that appear in the medical literature."

As a preventive measure, Cuban authorities are distributing a Vitamin supplement containing Vitamin B complex, manufactured in pill form from imported Vitamins, to Cuba's entire



Former Cambodian Prime Minister and non-communist resistance leader Son Sann, head of the opposition Buddhist Liberal Democratic Party, releases a pigeon during an election rally Monday (AP photo)

## Peacekeeping nations ask Cambodia to control violence



Current Formula One champion Nigel Mansell faces a sea of photographers as he sits in his car after qualifying for the Indianapolis 500 (AFP photo)

## Mansell qualifies 2 weeks after surgery

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Nigel Mansell's education at the Indianapolis motor speedway continued Saturday with a successful qualifying run for the May 30 Indianapolis 500.

"It's very frustrating," said Mansell, who aborted one attempt in the early afternoon after three laps at 218 mph (350 kph). He came back to qualify in the final hour of the first of four days of time trials with a four-lap average of 220.255 mph (354.390 kph).

"Lunchtime, I did 222.9 (358.6 kph) in the heat of the day. ... I put three laps together in the 222s (357 kph) and I felt very optimistic of going well. I was itching to go, like I have been all my career," said the 39-year-old Englishman, who didn't drive on the 21.2-mile (4-kilometre) oval until Wednesday.

The long wait between qualifying attempts was a unique experience to Mansell.

"We usually only have an hour (to qualify)," said Mansell, referring to Formula One where he won the world title last year before switching to the IndyCar series this year.

Mansell's first lap was 221.811 mph (356.894 kph). He dropped to just over 219 mph (353 kph) on his second lap, then climbed over the 220 mph (354 kph) mark on his final two laps to earn the right to race on an oval for the first time in his career.

A quick trip home to Clearwater, Florida, was on Mansell's immediate agenda as he rehabilitates from April 28 back surgery.

"I'm going to see my specialist as soon as I arrive and get my back checked out," he said.

IN BRIEF

## Prairie Bayou wins Preakness

BALTIMORE (AP) — Prairie Bayou rebounded from a second-place finish in the Kentucky Derby and lived up to his billing as the pre-race favourite Saturday, outduelling Cherokee Run in a two-horse finish by a half-length to win the Preakness Stakes.

Prairie Bayou broke with Cherokee Run from a pack of four at the top of stretch and slowly outlasted his rival to become the first gelding in 79 years to win the Preakness, the second leg of the U.S. Thoroughbred Triple Crown.

Sea Hero, the Kentucky Derby winner, was fifth in a field of 12 3-year-olds at Pimlico. There will be no Triple Crown winner for the 15th straight year. The final leg of the Triple Crown is the Belmont Stakes in New York June 5.

Union City broke down on the backstretch and did not finish.

Prairie Bayou, the pre-race favourite in the Kentucky Derby as well, went off the favourite at



From left to right Prairie Bayou, Cherokee Run, El Bakan and Personal Hope all take a turn during the 118th running of the Preakness Stakes (AFP photo)

Pimlico despite his runnerup finish in the two weeks ago. He charged down the middle of the stretch, took the lead inside the eighth pole, and beat Cherokee Run, a newcomer to the Triple Crown competition.

Prairie Bayou became the second beaten Derby favourite to win the Preakness in three years.

Hansel did it in 1991.

## GOREN BRIDGE

WITH OMAR SHARIF & TANIAH HIRSCH  
©1992 Troma Media Services, Inc.

### THE MOYSIAN FIT

East-West vulnerable. East deals  
NORTH  
♦ K 6 5  
♦ Q 4 2  
♦ K 2  
♦ Q 5  
♦ A 5  
WEST ♦ 9 6 4 2  
♦ 10 9 6 7 ♦ 4 3  
♦ 8 8 6 4 ♦ 1 7 3  
♦ 2 1 ♦ Q 10 8 5 ♦ J 7  
♦ Q 10 8 5 ♦ J 7  
SOUTH ♦ A 4 2  
♦ Q 10 5  
♦ 8 7 4 3  
♦ A 3  
The bidding: East South West North  
1 C 1 ♦ Pass 4 ♦  
Pass Pass Pass Pass  
Opening lead: Two of ♦

The power of a 4-3 fit is a major suit was reported by the late Alphonse "Sonny" Moyes during his editor of *The Bridge World*. This hand, from a recent tournament in Cress-Montana, Switzerland, is unusual in that declarer can get home by a dummy reversal in a Moysian fit!

South's one-spade overall will be

frowned upon by purists. It did, however, prop up North-South quickly to a game which could have been made.

West led a diamond and, after banking a second diamond trick, on which West discarded a heart, East shifted to the jack of trumps. Declarer must win in hand with the queen and cash the ace of trumps, which removes East's remaining trump.

After playing off the ace and king of clubs, declarer ruff a club, returns to dummy with the king of hearts and ruffs another club, establishing a long club in dummy. Now declarer has a couple of ways to get home.

One is to cash two rounds of hearts and the king of trumps for a total of 10 tricks. With the hand counted out, however, there is an even prettier ending available. Declarer crosses to the board with the ace of hearts, cashes the king of trumps and leads the established club. West ruffs, but now must bring South's queen of hearts to life as the fulfilling trick.

Sonny would have liked the hand.

## 2nd Division Basketball Championship Final round begins today

By Aksa Ramayan  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The final round of the Second Division Basketball Championship, organised by the Jordan Basketball Federation (JBF), begins Monday at the Sports Palace Court.

The four qualifying teams — Abbasi, Homenmen, Gazzet Hashem and Yarmouk Amman — will be competing in the one-leg decisive round at the end of which only the leading team will be promoted to the First Division in 1994.

In the final match of the first round, played Saturday evening at the JBF court, Abbasi and Homenmen fought it out in the most competitive match of the championship attended by a good number of fans of both teams.

Abbasi managed to keep their lead in the match and maintained a 1 point lead to overcome Homenmen 58-57 after the first half ended 34-21 for Abbasi.

Abbasi took the lead from the onset of the match leading 6-0 and 12-4 depending on taller players and taking advantage of the lack of rebounding and inaccurate shooting by their opponents.

Homenmen managed to catch up after Seven Sarkissian scored 6 points to tie 12-12.

However, Abbasi's energetic players seemed determined to win as they converted many turnovers and burdened Homenmen with many fouls to again widen their lead to 28-12 with 5 minutes remaining.

Homenmen's Al'a Abu Rahme rebounded and scored and teammate Vasken Adjemian sank a final-second three pointer ending the half 34-21 for Abbasi.

In the second half, Homenmen secured defensive rebounding by Vicken Avakian and Abu Rahme as they narrowed the gap to 38-31. Abbasi, on the other hand, scored through foul shots by Omar Fadel and managed to keep a 43-33 lead.

However, Homenmen again managed to narrow the gap and tied the score at 45-45 by a three-pointed by Adjemian.

Abbasi then led 48-45, and Homenmen tied again after the referee called a technical foul on Abbasi. Homeotmen's playmaker Robert Chatmajan scored to give his team the lead at 52-50 with 2 minutes remaining. Abbasi then scored to lead 53-52 as fans of both teams cheered their teams hoping to win.

Homenmen again led 54-53 in the final minute, however, Abbasi took advantage of foul shots and a turnover to lead 58-54 before Homenmen's Adjemian scored another three-pointer ending the match 58-57 for Abbasi.

The result of the match gave Abbasi the lead in the first round in which nine teams competed.

In the first match of the final round Homenmen play Gazzet Hashem and Abbasi play Yarmouk Amman. The four teams then play Thursday and the championship ends Sunday May 23, when former First Division teams — Abbasi and Homenmen clash once again for the title and a return to the First Division.

## Courier, Ivanisevic in Italian Open final

ROME (Agencies) — Jim Courier did his part to set up a dream final. Pete Sampras didn't.

Sampras and Courier, ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the world, were seeded to meet in the first All-American final in the 50-year history of the Italian Open.

Courier, the defending champion, kept his appointment with a 6-2, 6-7 (2-7), 6-0 semifinal victory Saturday over sixth-seeded Michael Chang. But Sampras, the No. 1 seed, was eliminated by No. 4 Goran Ivanisevic 7-6 (7-4), 6-2.

Courier, who reached his fifth final of the year, will try to become the first player to win consecutive Italian Open titles since Jaroslav Drobný in 1950-51. Sunday's final at the Foro Italico will be best-of-five sets.

Sampras had not lost a set going into the semifinals, but he ran into a player who has beaten him regularly on all surfaces. Ivanisevic's victory Saturday was his fifth in six career matches against Sampras.

"I really like to play him," the Croatian left-hander said. "I have a game he doesn't like. Also, he doesn't like to play lefties."

Ivanisevic punished Sampras with his huge serve, recording 13 aces and 15 service winners. He had three service games with two aces and, in one game, he hit three straight aces.

"I felt kind of helpless trying to return his serve," Sampras said. "Acing you two or three times a game is kind of discouraging."

The match lasted only one hour and 15 minutes, with not a single game going to deuce. The two were even until the tiebreaker when Ivanisevic gained the upper hand with two aces and two service winners.

"Actually I feel pretty good today," he said. "I played some good tennis, but he put it together today. He was really tough on the big points. I feel I

had quite a few opportunities to win a few games in the third set and didn't convert."

Graf beats Fernandez, will face Sabatini for title: In Berlin defending champion Steffi Graf and Gabriela Sabatini needed three sets each Saturday to advance to the final of the \$750,000 German Open.

Graf, the top seed, survived a see-saw battle with Mary Joe Fernandez Saturday, rallying to outlast the American 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Sabatini, the No. 2 seed, beat Conchita Martinez 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, avenging a 7-5, 6-1 loss to the Spaniard last week in the final of the Italian Open.

Fernandez, the No. 3 seed, was on the verge of beating Graf for



A disappointed Pete Sampras

the first time after taking the 3-1 lead in the decisive set.

"For the first time ever against Graf, I believed I could win," Fernandez said.

But the German suddenly gained control of her erratic forehand and rediscovered her missing serve. She won the next six games to clinch the match.

Graf is seeking her seventh title in Berlin, the site of her first international success. In 1986, the then-unknown German teen-ager beat Martina Navratilova in straight sets to take home the first of her titles.

She will play in her ninth final when she meets Sabatini.

The Argentine had to battle hard to overcome the fifth-seeded Martinez.

## TWO APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Furnished or Unfurnished

Each consisting of 3 bedrooms, living room, salon and dining room, balcony, kitchen, 2 bathrooms with central heating. Location: Jabal Amman near Philadelphia Hotel.

Please call tel. 810091 for more details.

## FURNISHED APARTMENT FOR RENT IN UM UTHEINA

Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, dining and living room, American system, new deluxe furniture, new building, independent central heating, fit for diplomatic missions.

Please call Tel. 820259,

## FAX MACHINE FOR SALE

A PANASONIC fax machine, model KX-F110B, brand new, new specifications. Pure Japanese Industry (100%)

Please call Tel.: 628101  
from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Attn.: Mr. Osama

## FOR RENT

Semi-villa, 300 metres deluxe, furnished or unfurnished, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, living room, American kitchen, 2 large salons, office, veranda, small store, central heating, telephone, garden, near Royal Automobile Club, near 7th & 8th Circles.

Contact tel. 813375

## THE MONTESSORI WORLD

Kindergarten - Shmelsani

- In affiliation with the:  
London Montessori Centre  
- Announces that they are starting an:  
Intensive Teacher Training Programme  
as from June 5, 1993.

For further details please call:  
660504 or 684905 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## FOR RENT

### Modern Furnished Apartments

• One bedroom, living - dining room, kitchen & bath.

• Studio of one bedroom, kitchenette and bath.

Central heating & telephones.

Location: Jabal Amman (Zahrani quartier) bet. 3rd & 4th Circles.

Owner tel. 667862 - 542351

## FOR RENT IN KHALDA

Two apartments and basement in a villa.

Apartments: Each 135 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living & guest rooms, kitchen, store room, separate central heating.

Basement: 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living & guest rooms, shared central heating.

Call 828802

## SEMI-VILLA GROUND FLOOR FOR RENT IN ABDOUN

One flat with separate entrance, garden and garage in a three-flat building. Near middle of main Abdoun street. Furnished or unfurnished. With or without connected basement. Area 450 or 650 sq.metres. Available as from July 1, 1993.

Phone owner at (619067)

## FOR RENT

### A 287m<sup>2</sup> semi-villa available.

Located in western Amman area, overlooking Gardens Street. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a dining room, a modern equipped large kitchen, and large halls. Equipped with water softener, an F/O: purified drinking-water, a telephone, a little garden, and central heating.

Could be rented as furnished or unfurnished. No mediator please.

Contact: Tel. 663941 / 664045

## A CAR FOR RENT

A superior NISSAN ULTIMA 1990, full automatic, air conditioned and includes all facilities. Embassies, diplomatic organisations or V.I.P are preferable.

Interested people may call:  
664616 - 693586

## TO D A Y

Cinema Tel.: 677420

### CONCORD

FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA FILM

### DRACULA</h

